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v 2. By means of the ~~lungs~~ ^{Saliva} which
~~inspire~~ conveys them to the stomach
and bowels. 3 By means of the lungs in
inspiration. and

We have at length finished the history of the effects of all the sensible and insensible qualities of the Air upon the human body in producing Disease. ~~but~~ It remains ^{now} ~~now~~ that we inquire in what ~~manner~~ ^{manner} the insensible qualities of the Air, or in other words the foreign and extraneous matters which float in it are taken in the body so as to enable them to produce ^{morbid} the phenomena that have been ascribed to them. It has been supposed they ~~enter~~ ^{enter & wait upon} the body in one or more of the following ways. 1 By means of the ~~lungs~~ ^{absorbents} which terminate on the skin. 2 By means of the nerves which convey them directly to the brain through the medium of the nose. 3 By

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~~means of the fabrica which convey them~~
~~to the stomach and vessels &c &c By means~~
~~of the Absorbents which terminate upon~~
~~the Liver. I admit the three first channels~~
~~which have been right the first only~~
~~the Absorption of by the Skin~~
~~morbid matters which produce disease only,~~
~~acting upon the system altogether, and that not only~~
 because the existence of Absorbents upon
 the Skin has been ~~in a great degree~~ dis-
 proved, but from the unsuccessful issue
 of many attempts to communicate the
 small pox by binding & rubbing Variolous
 matter upon the Skin. The rejection of this
 opinion will remove an immense mass of
 error from medicine, and of ^{that} fear & prejudice
 from the minds of physicians ~~which have by dis-~~
~~posed~~ ^{posed} them ~~not~~ to pull off their gloves

~~I have Doubts of the miasmata or contagions then
affecting inducing disease ~~that~~ the way rising with the
Saliva and descending with it into the Stomach. The late
D^r Cowell of London~~

Similar Affections of the Abdominal
Viscera occur in the violent Opacities of
the Small Pox, and yet no one has supposed
its contagion to act primarily upon
the Stomach. We see moreover similar
and even greater Comotions induced in
the System by certain Diseases of the Mind, it
and these we are sure act primarily upon
the brain.

It is no Argument in favor of mias-
mata acting primarily upon the Stomach,
that an emetic prevents the formation of
the fever induced by them. It acts not by
discharging any gas from the Stomach
but by ^{its} ~~the~~ Stimulus, and ^{the} new Actions
it excites in every part of the body. I at-
-mit

When they feel the pulse of their patients, ^{in a manner} or
if they ventured to feel a few of its strokes with
naked fingers, it will prevent their ~~weakening~~
inflaming them afterwards with frequent
ablutions of with alkaline mixtures, or
with soap and water. V³ by that the seeds of
some diseases are taken into the body by the lungs,
but I believe miasmata of all kinds act
chiefly ^{its} ~~primarily~~ upon the nerves & brain, and that
when they enter the body thro' the avenues
of the lungs, ~~and~~ ^{as} ~~they~~ ^{if we admit their entrance} ~~are~~ ^{are} inoffen-
sive until they act upon the nervous
system. From the nerves they are commu-
nicated in ordinary cases of fever in the
first instance to the blood vessels. They affect
other parts of the body in proportion to their
violence or malignity. That the nerves
are first affected by miasmata I infer from
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As I have Doubts of the miasmata or contagious the
effect inducing disease ~~that~~ by mixing with the
Saliva and descending with it into the Stomach. The late
D^r Cowell of Trenton informed me that he once cut a piece
of thread throughly impregnated with variolous matter ~~and~~
~~and gave it to a child in a dose of~~
physic, without inducing the small pox. From the

✓ It is no ~~big~~ argument in favor of the
seeds of fever being absorbed by the Skin, that
the Hets and the Venereal disease are com-
-municated by contact. The former never
passes beyond the Skin, and the latter in-
-duces disease only when it comes in contact
with fores or parts covered with a thin pel-
-licle as the Glans penis, or internal surface
of the Urethra and Vagina. ~~It is~~

~~It is~~ ^{result of} ~~innocuous~~ ^{with variolous matter} ~~effects of this experiment and~~
^{gas in the stomach and bowels and both of}
from the harmless nature of Carbonic ~~acid~~
^{upon the lungs & brain}

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= I object likewise to the miasmata and con-
-tagious inducing diseases by mixing with sali-
-va and descending with it into the stomach.

The ^{variolous matter} ~~small pox~~ when taken into the stomach
will not excite the small pox. This has been
proved by the late D^r Cowell at Trenton. I am
disposed to believe that the Koinomiasma in
the stomach, if conveyed there, would ^{be} rather
inoffensive, or perhaps counteract the
production of disease. Carbonic acid gas, so
deleterious in the lungs, we know is medicinal
in the stomach, and ~~spice~~ a few spoons full
of Ardent spirits when taken into the sto-
-mach prevent intoxication from their
smell. The sickness, vomiting, Colic, and
even the morbid Affections of the liver ^{ch}
occur in bilious or koinomiasmatic fevers
are all induced I believe by a primary
Affection of the System through the
medium of the ^{note} ~~lungs~~ and the brain. ~~to~~

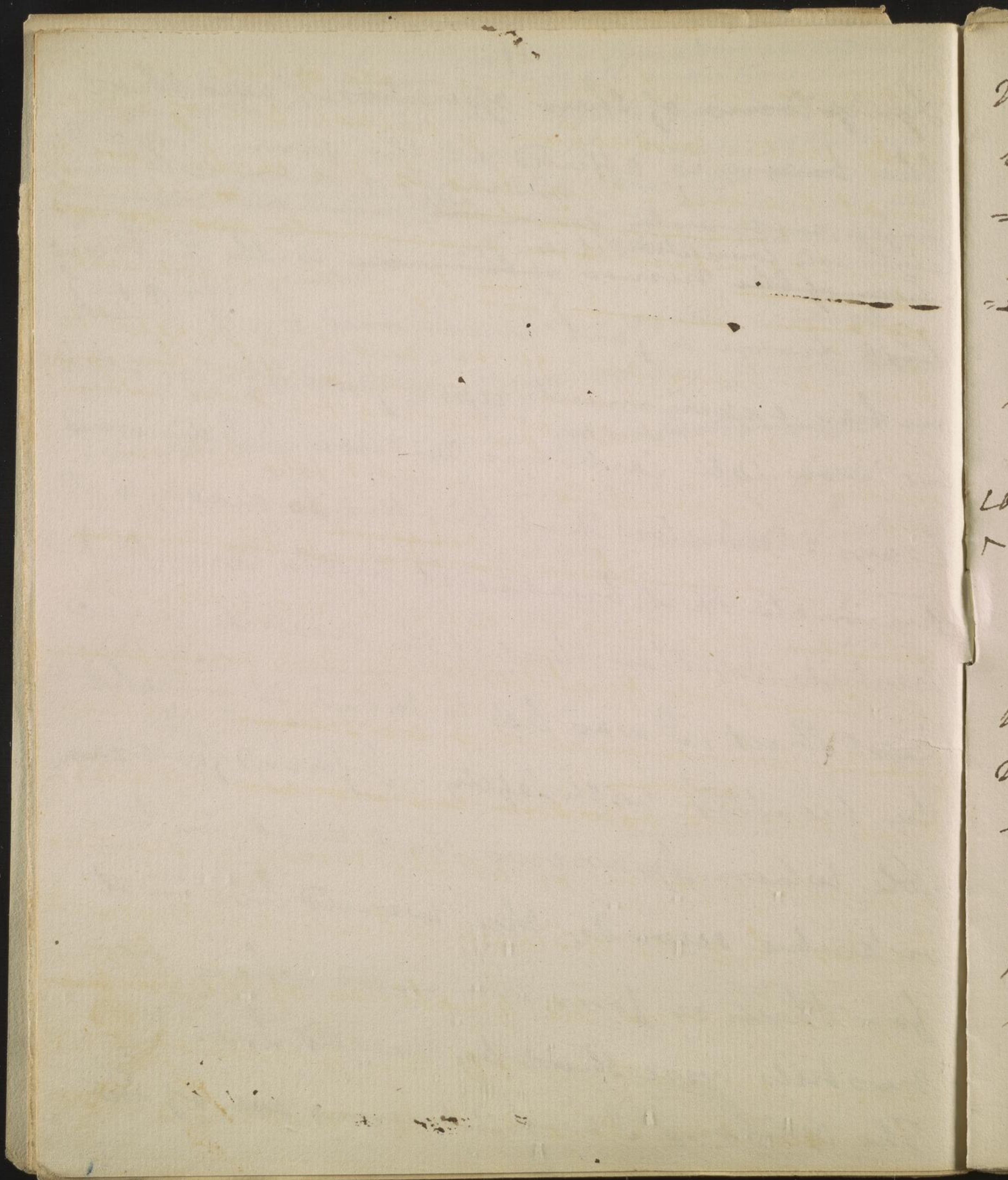
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affection of the brain. The same symptoms are induced by
the fever of the natural pox. We shall mention hereafter
many instances of similar effects from that cause,
particularly in treating upon the Diseases of the Mind.
The ~~the~~ ~~Thrombosis~~ ~~was~~ ~~here~~ I to admit the ~~secondary~~ ~~primary~~
Action of any of the ~~thrombosis~~ ~~upon~~ the stomach and
bowels it should be the ~~primary~~ ~~secondary~~ ~~exhalations~~.
~~to be aided by~~

V 2 To show the functions of the brain
being so ^{much more} ~~generally~~ impaired by fevers from
which are from ~~exhalations~~ ~~the~~
miasmata of all kinds, than by fevers
from the accidents, or the sensible qualities
of the air. - I 9 Consumption & hectic fever from
all ^{this} ~~its~~ causes very rarely produce even a pain
in the head. -

symptoms of their operation, and that
 the brain is affected at the same time I
 infer ~~not~~ ^{from the vicinity of the nose to the brain} ~~from the intimate connection~~
 the intimate connection of its ^{the} nerves ~~of the nose~~ with the brain;

^{3^{ly}} ~~but~~ from a fact mentioned by Dr Black
 in his experiments upon fixed air, or what
 we now call Carbonic Acid Gas. "I discovered
 [says the Doctor] that this air ^{to be} ~~is~~ deadly to all
 animals that breathe it by the mouth &
 nostrils together; but if the nostrils were
 kept shut, I was led to think it might
 be breathed with safety. I found for exam-
 -ple, when sparrows died in it in ten
 or twelve seconds, they would live in it
 for three or four minutes when the
 nostrils were shut by melted Suet."
 The opinions I am delivering ~~are~~ of ^{the}



manner in which miasmata of air upon the
 body in the production of disease are of a prac-
 tical nature. They lead to the early use of
 emetics ^(if we admit that) ~~when these miasmata are conveyed~~
~~upon the~~ ~~into the stomach~~ ^{and} before they have had
 time to bring on fever, and they suggest to
 us the advantage of ^{holding the breath for a short time, and} closing the nose, when
 constantly we are exposed to morbid exhalations.

~~I have thus mentioned the diseases~~
~~which~~ the diseases which are produced by
 the ^{sensible} ~~insensible~~ qualities of the air, ~~or by foreign~~
~~qualities which float it, of a sudden such as~~
 heat and cold ^{and storm &c} ~~affection in individuals~~ attack in
 a solitary form, or at the worst, in scouting
 parties, but the diseases which are produced
 by the insensible qualities of the ^{air,} ~~weather~~
 come forward in all the pomp of mighty
 armies spreading distress, terror, and

~~The principal Epidemics I have said are
produced by 1st foreign or imitating matters
in the air. 2nd by bad provisions & 3rd by bad
water. - Sometimes they all three concur in
the production of an epidemic - by one
or two of them acting as predisposing causes.~~

Sometimes death through whole commu-
-nities, cities and nations. In this confu-
-sion they are called Epidemics. ^{Disbasing} Terri-
-ble and destructive as they often are, they ^{do} ~~are~~
not exist, nor act by an immutable decree
of Heaven. ^{They may be foreseen,} They may be knowing; - they
may be prevented; - they may be resisted, &
they may be vanquished by the power of
medicine. The ^{business} ~~limits~~ of pathology ~~with~~ is
^{to deliver} ~~Confessions at present~~ a history of their
laws, ^{only,} and of the phenomena which precede
and accompany them. The means of
preventing and curing them will be men-
-tioned our Therapeutics & the practice of
Physic.

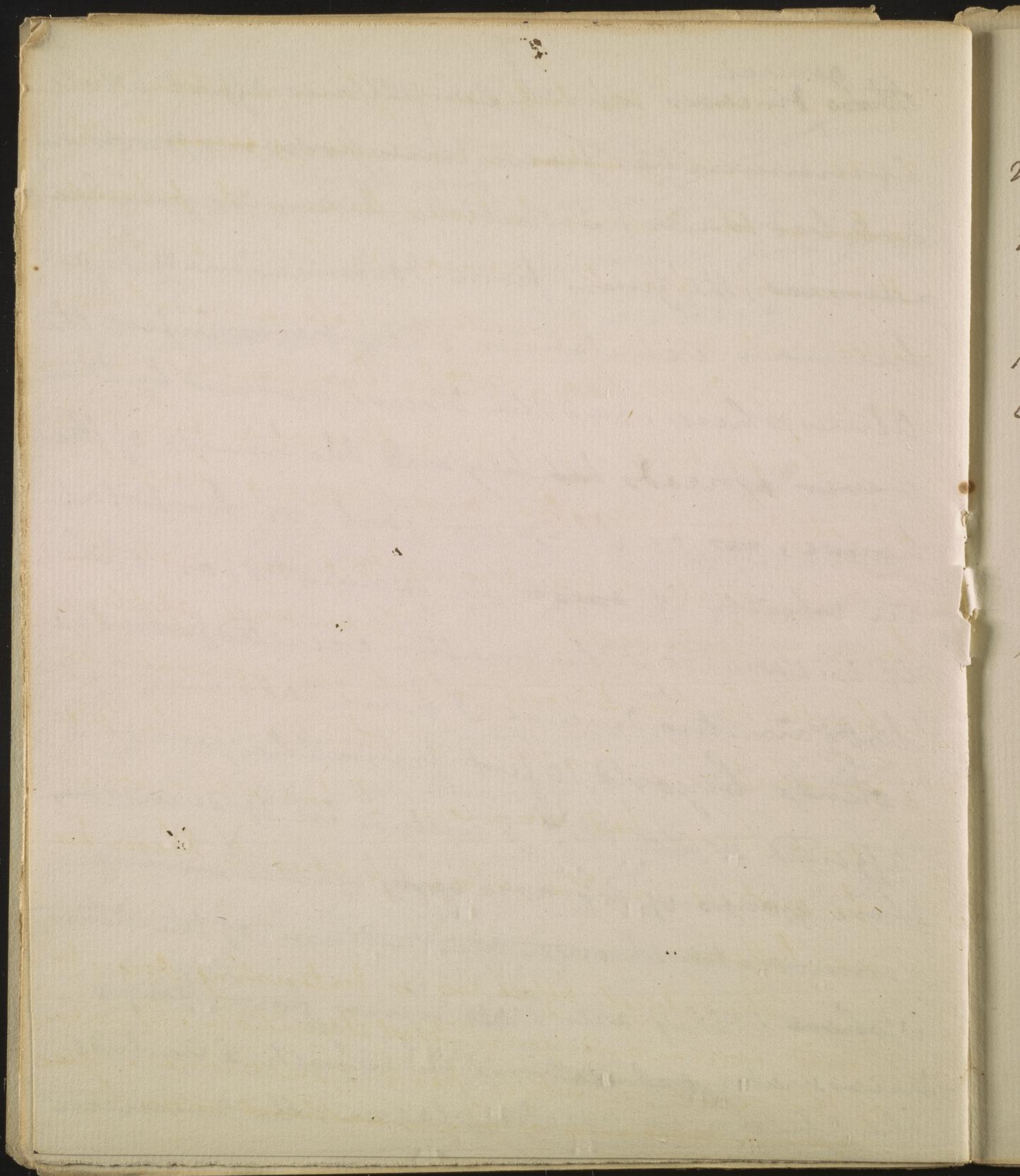
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I exclude from Epidemics ^{all} ~~the laws~~
those fevers which are induced by the sensible qualities
~~of which I am about to discourse all~~
= lites of the air, and also = V =

V are 1 produced by foreign matters in
the atmosphere - 2 by bad provisions &
3^{ly} by bad water. To the diseases from foreign
or irritating matters in the air belong

VI This was evinced in many instances
During ^{our} ~~the~~ Revolutionary war, for while
two or three, and often more of our
soldiers died of the hospital fever ^{every day} in the hospitals
~~at~~ in the house of employment in Philad.^a
in the College at Princeton & in the brethren's
house at Bethlehem in this state, the inha-
-bitants of all those places were perfectly
healthy. —

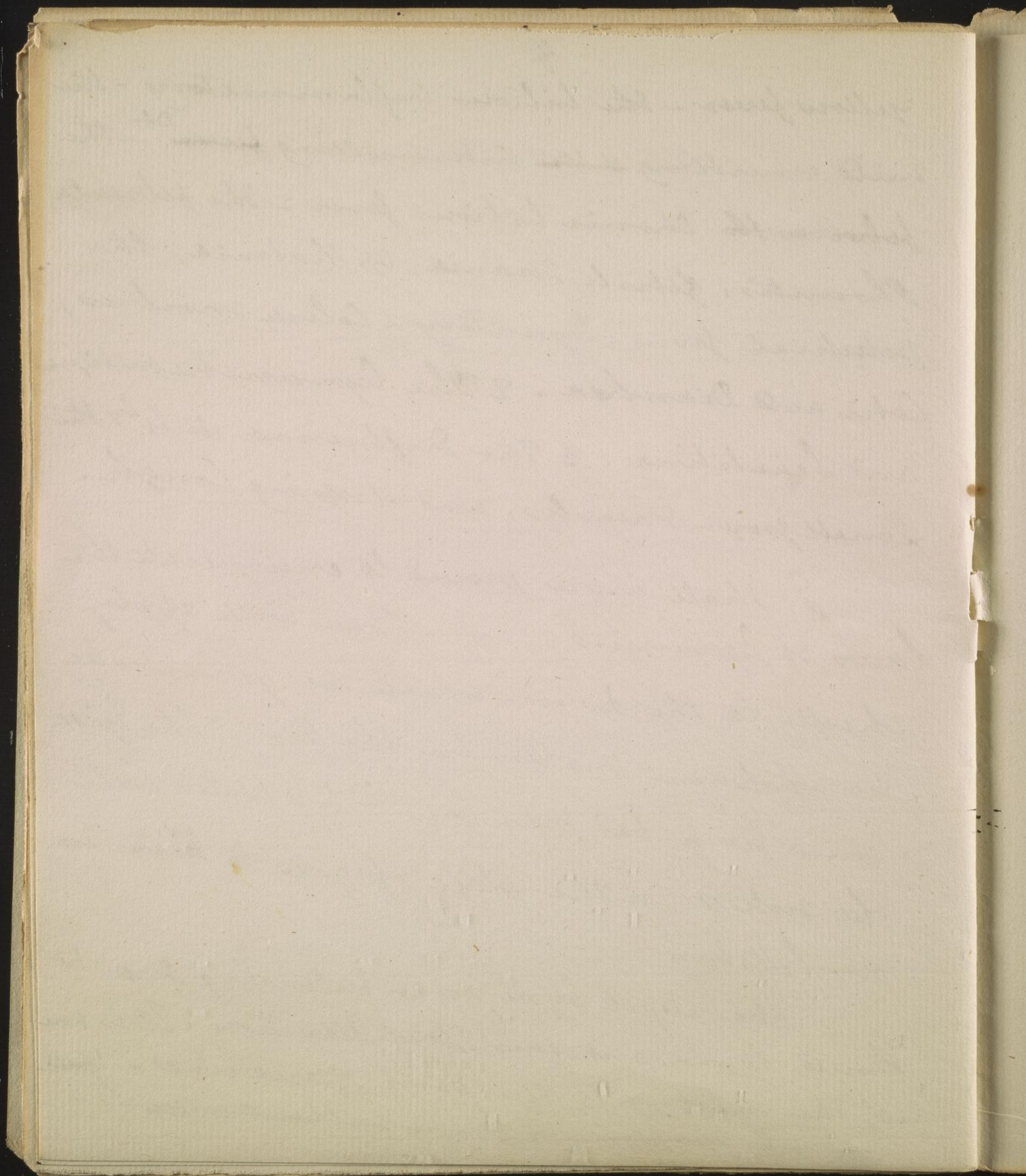
~~These~~ ^{general} diseases which sometimes affect whole
 communities from unwholesome provisions,
 and bad water! I exclude ^{from them} likewise from ~~Epi-~~
~~demics~~, the fevers from Idiomiasmati, or
 human exhalations. They never infect the
 atmosphere, and the disease produced by them
 never spreads ~~but~~ beyond the limits of the
 house, ~~or~~ or ship, or jail, or hospital
 in which it ~~exists~~ is generated, or to which
 it is carried. The matter excreted from the
 body in this disease I have said never
 extends beyond 10 feet from the persons
 affected with it. I include in Epidemics ^V only
 those groups of diseases ~~only~~ which are ~~con-~~
~~minated~~ through the medium of the Atmos-
~~-phere~~. They are ^{the} ~~the~~ fevers from Idio-
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 the African or Asiatic plague, the American

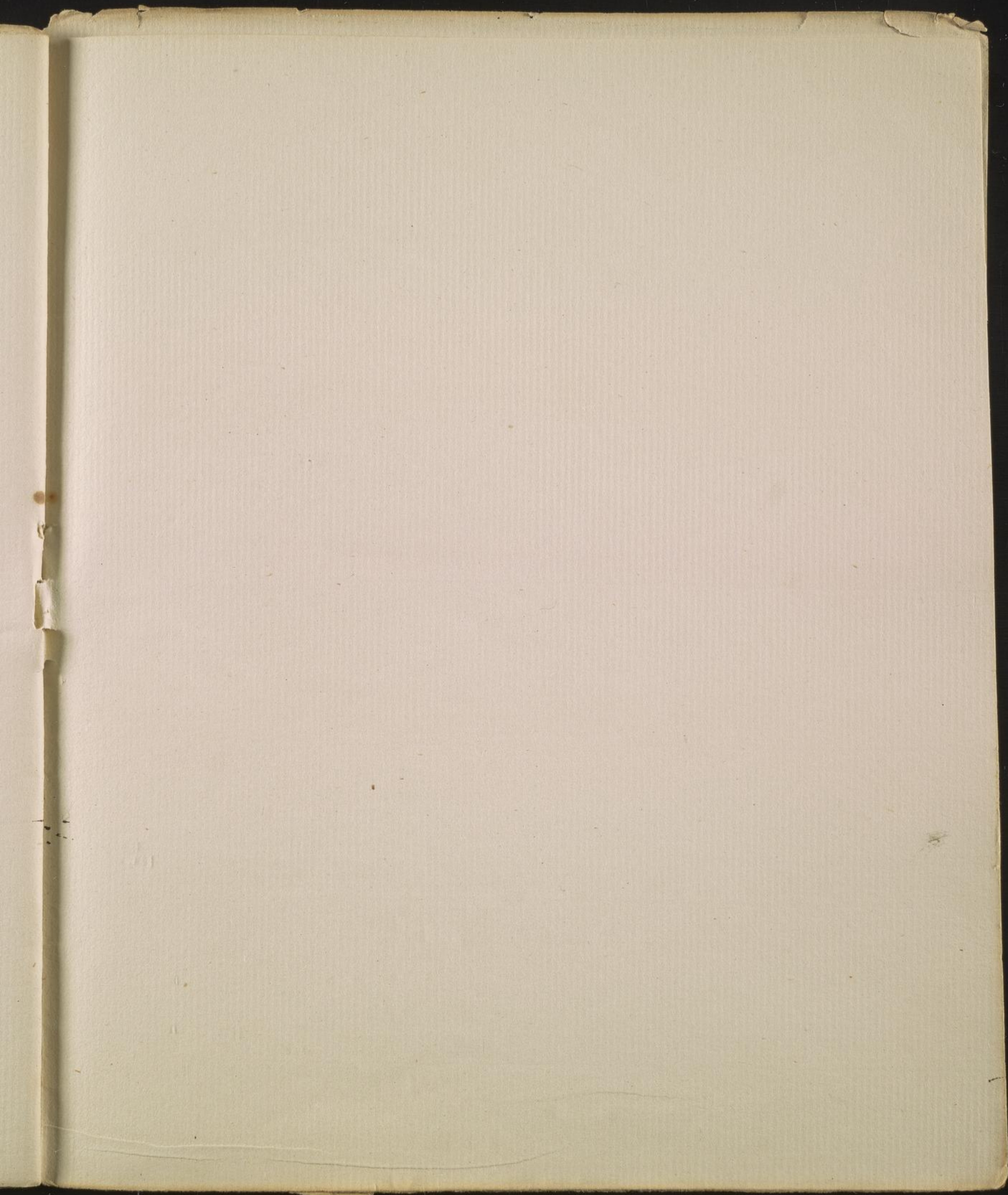


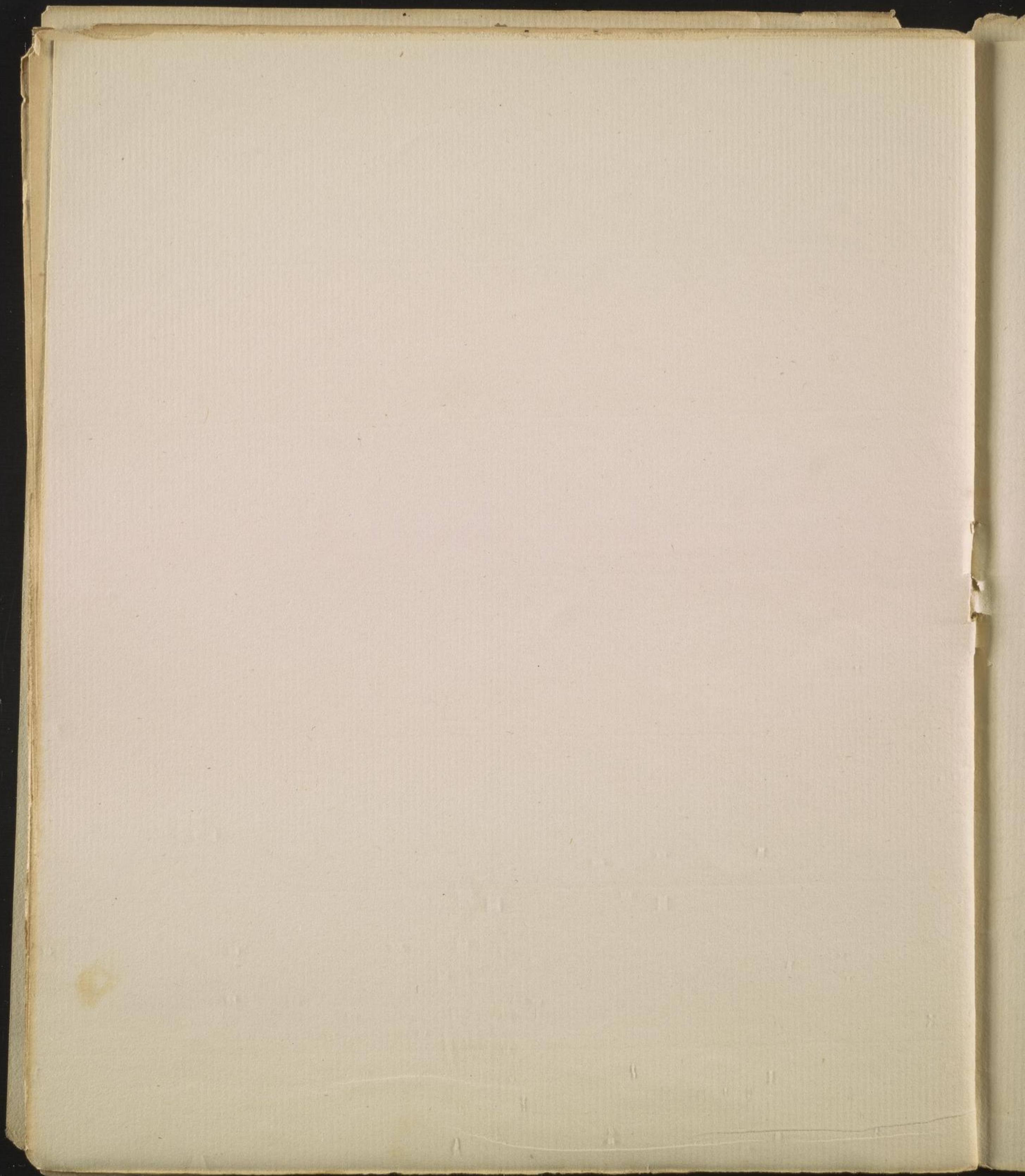
yellow fever - the bilious inflammatory - the
 mild remitting ~~the~~ [&]intermittent fever - the
 febrile ~~the~~ chronic bilious fever - the febrile,
 Phrenitis, febrile mania, Opthalmia, the
 petechial fever - Dysentery - Colera morbus,
 Colic and Diarrhea. 2 The Cynanche maligna
 and Scarlatina. 3 The Influenza, & by the
 Small pox - Measles, and Hooping Cough.

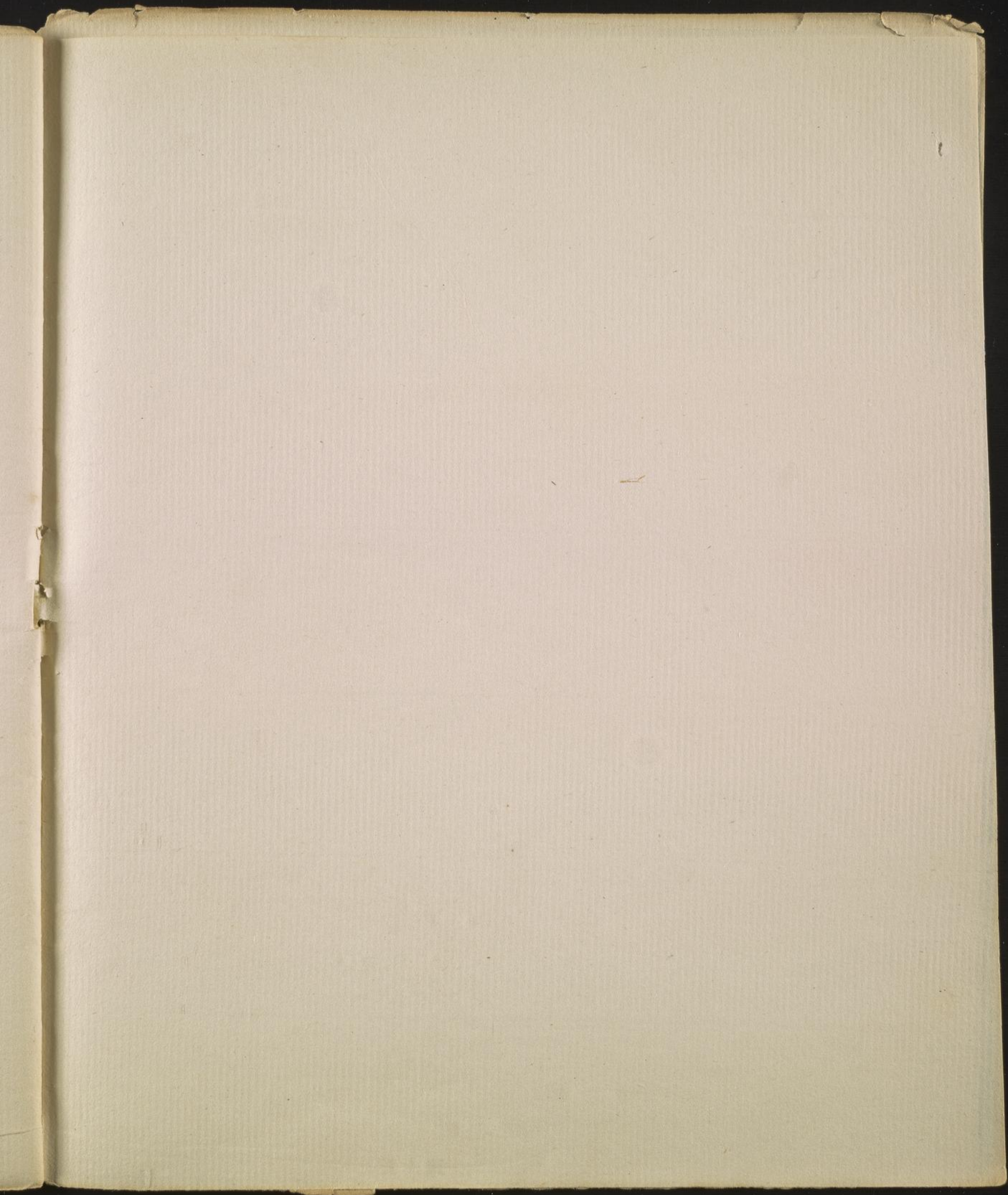
I shall now proceed to enumerate the
 laws of Epidemics. — These will apply
 chiefly to the Diseases which are generated by
 unwholesome matters in the air. The Epide-
 = mics from bad provisions & bad water will
 be noticed in the place assigned to them in
 our Syllabus. —

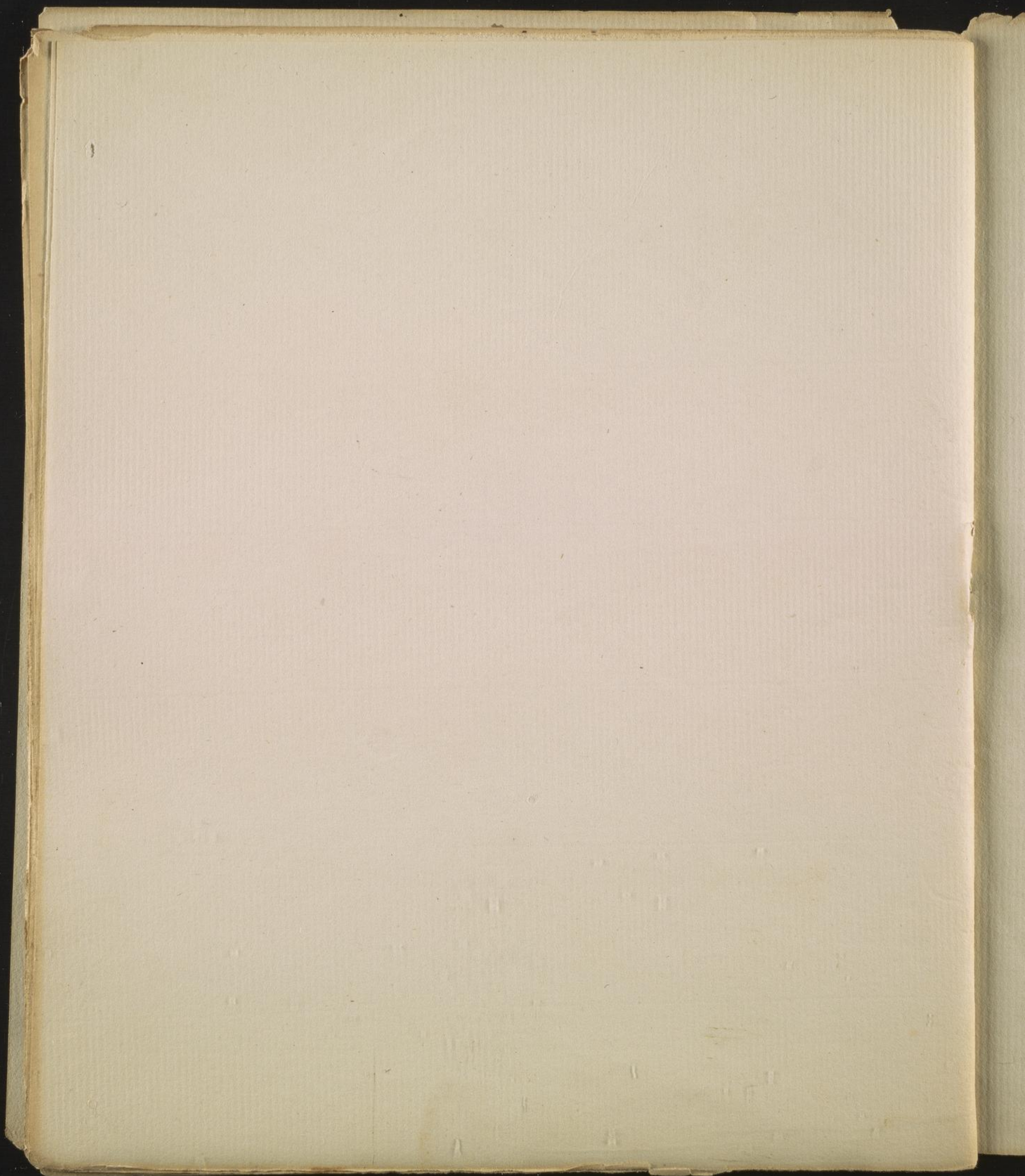
The Subject before us is interesting one, &
 should command your closest Attention. It is one
 of the most scientific parts of Medicine. You
 may be ~~practitioner of physic without words~~

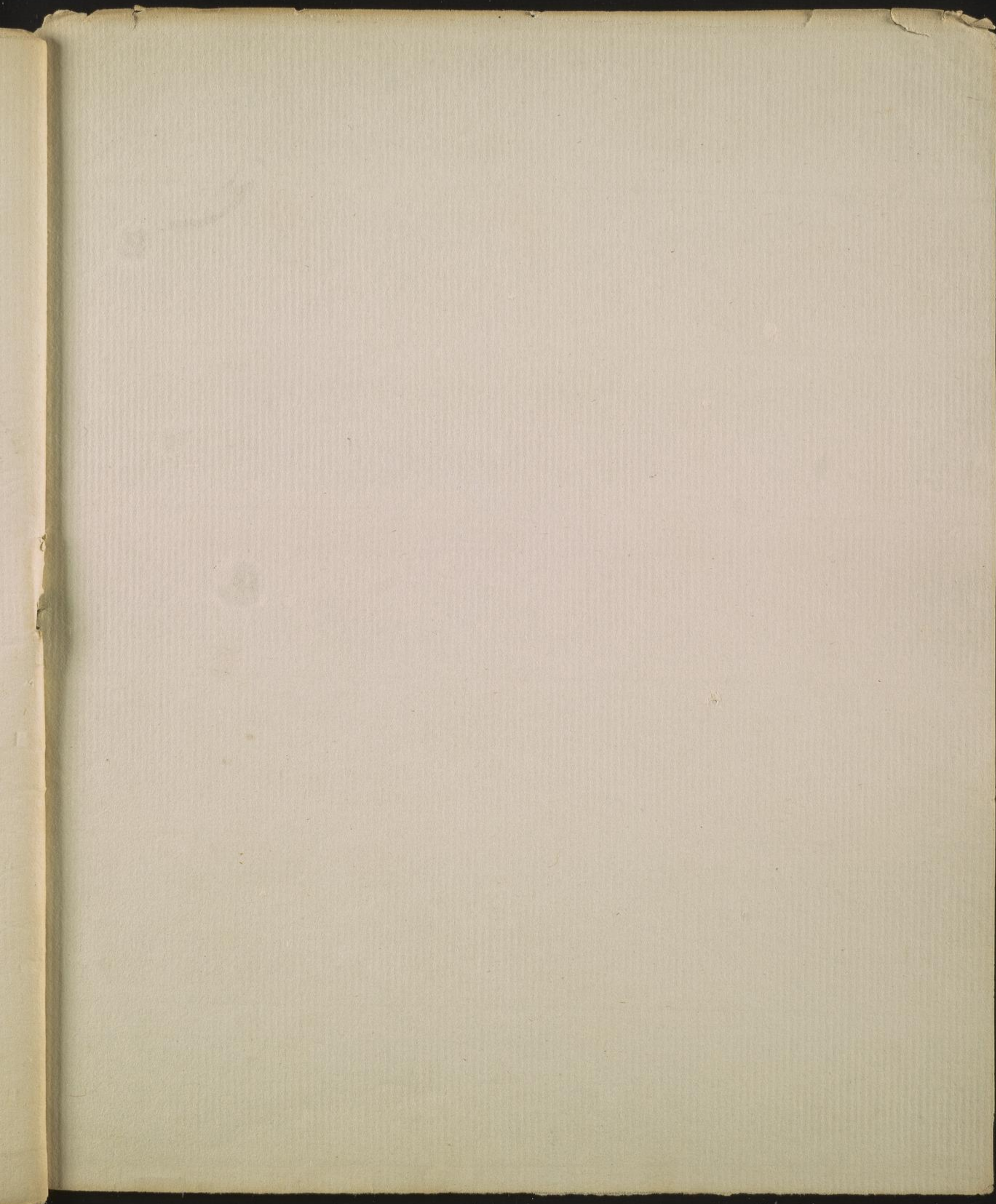












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